

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SANTO 02020 161608Z

43

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 ACDA-19 AID-20 PC-10 IO-14

DRC-01 /144 W

----- 044839

O 161601Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0498

INFO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE IMMEDIATE

CINCSO IMMEDIATE

CINCLANT POLAD IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SANTO DOMINGO 2020

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: SANTIAGO ACCORD ABSTAINS AS TALKS COLLAPSE

REF : SD 2015

1. DESPITE INTENSIVE LAST MINUTE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION, THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT LAST NIGHT (MAY 15) AND THE SANTIAGO ACCORD'S DECISION TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS TODAY WAS MAINTAINED. IN SEPARATE COMMUNIQUEs ISSUED LATE LAST EVENING, THE GOVERNMENT, OPPOSITION, AND MEDIATORS INDICATED THAT THE ALKS FOUNDERED ON THE ISSUE OF POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS DIRECTOR CESAR HERRERA SAID IN A GODR STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD AGREED TO THE SANTIAGO ACCORD'S DEMANDS THAT:

A) THE "SO-CALLED POLITICAL PRISONERS", BE RELEASED;

B) THE ARMED FORCES BE CONFINED TO BARRACKS, AND;

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SANTO 02020 161608Z

C) EX-GENERAL WESSIN BE ALLOWED TO RETURN, SHOULD HE BE

ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.

HERRERA ADDED THAT BALAGUER COULD NOT, HOWEVER, ACCEDE TO THE DEMAND FOR ELECTION POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE BOTH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE ELECORAL LAW PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ON MAY 16.

2. THUS, ONLY TWO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ARE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S ELECTIONS--BALAGUER AND LAJARA BURGOS.

3. AS OF NOON TODAY, THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNTRY WAS QUIET AND VOTERS WERE TURNING OUT "MASSIVELY" AT THE POLLS. NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE OR OTHER DISORDERS HAVE BEEN THUS FAR REPORTED.  
HURWITCH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PARTY LINE, POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS, ELECTION CANDIDATES, OPPOSITION PARTIES, ELECTION CANCELLATION, BOYCOTTS, NEGOTIATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 16 MAY 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974SANTO02020  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740121-0322  
**From:** SANTO DOMINGO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740542/aaaablax.tel  
**Line Count:** 76  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** SD 2015  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17 SEP 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <17 SEP 2002 by kellew0>; APPROVED <20 FEB 2003 by GarlanWA>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SANTIAGO ACCORD ABSTAINS AS TALKS COLLAPSE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PINT, DR  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005